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they're not going to be able to switch spots. Why not have that exemption in there? And the bottom line is what we need to decide here is, are we going to fully comply right away 18 months ahead of time, and just say, fine, whatever they tell us to do, we're going to do? There are so many other issues out there that the federal government wags our tail on every day of the week. I don't like them, I don't like losing highway construction funds.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Speaker Kristensen. Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment?

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend this component, Mr. President, by striking subsection (4) in lines 12 to 23. (FA89, Legislative Journal page 1293.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we now approach the moment of truth, at least one of them. On the first page of the committee amendments you will see, in line 12, the second line 12, further down the page, subsection (4), and this is dealing with exceptions. What my amendment would do is strike all of subsection (4), that would be the material contained in lines 12 through 23. Either it is not in accord with state policy to allow open alcoholic containers in vehicles, or it's not the policy. You cannot say that we have a policy in this state which says you should be neither wet nor dry. Somebody will say that might mean you're damp, maybe so. So is that the kind of policy we have here? It's neither one, nor the other. I think what we have here in these exceptions is an example of the power of various special interest groups. Those who drive limousines, those who have buses for hire may want to have a situation where their passengers can carry these liquor containers. A man could have one of those little, slim metal cans that you always see them open in the movies, he takes the top off and throws it up. They do that kind of stuff. And I understand that some gentlemen who have tailor-made garments, Senator Bourne, will have the pocket made according to certain measurements so they can either hold a flagon, a fifth, a quart, or whatever. Right, they're serious about that. So if one of these very important gentlemen chose to carry his liquor with